(e) in what manner Government intend to ensure unrestricted flow of soft loans for development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (e) The World Bank's World Development Report has published purchasing power parity (PPP) estimates of per capita GDP, derived from PPP estimates of GDP from the International comparison programme (ICP) which is coordinated by the United Nations and is supported by the World Bank, the OECD and other international agencies. These estimates have not yet been adopted as the basis for IDA loans and should not adversely affect India's obtaining soft credits from Development agencies.

Opening of the New Bank Branches in Andhra Pradesh

1907. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have surveyed the potential for opening new bank branches in Andhra Pradesh in 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) how many new bank branches are proposed to be opened district-wise in Andhra Pradesh in the next financial year;

(c) whether there is a very big demand and necessity of opening more bank branches in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what steps are being taken to meet this need?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that no year-wise survey is being conducted for identifying potential for opening new bank branches in any State including Andhra Pradesh. The opening bank branches is an on-going process and the banks are expected to open branches at centres allotted to them in a phased manner during the period 1990-95 i.e. upto March 31, 1995. However, District-wise allotment made/bank offices opened so far in Andhra Pradesh is indicated in the Statement (*See* below). Whenever proposals are received from banks, they are considered by RBI according to the norms and merits of each case.

Statement

District-wise allotment made/bank offices opened in Andhra Pradesh under the Plan, 1990-95

Name of the District	Allotment made			Bank offices opened		
	Urban/ MPT/ Port-Town	Semi-Urban	Rural	Urban/ MPT/ Port-Town	Semi-Urban	Rural
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Anantpur	3	..	..	1	..	..
2. Adilabad	..	..	3	..	..	2
3. Chittoor	3	..	7	1	..	..
4. Cuddapah	6	..	1	5	..	..
5. East Godawari	4	3	1	6	2	1
6. Guntur	8	..	22	5	..	3
7. Hyderabad	14	..	1	5	..	..
8. Karimnagar	..	..	8	..	..	1
9. Krishna	8	1	6	4	..	..
10. Karnool	2	..	..	1	..	..

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11. Mehboobnagar	..	1	1	..	1	..
12. Medak	..	..	3	..	..	..
13. Nellore	4	..	..	2	..	..
14. Nizamabad	3	..	4	3	..	3
15. Nalgonda	..	2	4	..	..	..
16. Prakasam	..	..	5	..	..	..
17. Ranga Reddy	..	8	1	..	2	..
18. Srikakulam	..	..	1	..	..	..
19. Vizianagaram	2	..	..	2	..	..
20. Vishakhapatnam	8	1	..	7	..	..
21. Warangal	4	..	2	1	..	1
22. West Godawari	4	6	8	3	1	2
23. Khammam	..	..	3	..	..	..

Losses incurred by Central Bank of India

1908. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bank of India has reported to the Government a loss of Rs. 383 crores;

(b) whether last time the Central Bank of India has recorded a profit;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for the loss; and

(d) the directives issued by Government to the Central Bank of India thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The losses are mainly due to high level of non-performing assets and large provisioning requirements arising therefrom.

(d) Reserve Bank of India have been impressing upon the banks including the Central Bank of India to strengthen their credit appraisal machinery and exercise close supervision and control over advances, to contain growth in establishment expenses and improve staff productivity, to ensure better yield on investments and improve cash management.

Special Loans to flood affected persons in Punjab

1909. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any direction to the nationalised banks to give special loans to persons affected by the rains and floods in Punjab recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The commercial banks are under standing instructions of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for providing relief measures in the areas affected by natural calamities viz. droughts and floods etc. Taking into consideration the damages suffered by the farmers, trade, business and industry in different flood affected districts of Punjab after a visit of Central Team, the Government have advised to Punjab National Bank, convenor bank for Punjab and other banks having large presence in the State to implement the following measures to provide assistance to flood affected people in the State of Punjab:

(i) To provide timely and adequate credit to flood affected persons.

(ii) To reschedule existing loans and to provide fresh finance on need based requirements.

(iii) To form a Task Force at Chandigarh consisting of the representatives of the banks and the State Government to take concerted, quick and timely action on various requirements.